

Atty. Docket No. 178 US

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 20 have been canceled. Claims 19, 20, 28 and 29 have been amended. After entry of the amendments, claims 3-6, 8, 18-19 and 28-29 are pending.

Claims 6, 19 and 20 were objected to for depending upon a base claim. Applicants have amended claims 28 and 29 so that they depend upon a current claim. Claim 6 depends upon the amended claims. Accordingly, reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 20 were rejected in the Office Action because, according to the Examiner, they did not comply with the Written Description requirement of the specification under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Applicants do not agree with the substance of the rejection. However, Applicants have canceled the claims in the interests of advancing prosecution. Accordingly, the rejections are considered moot.

Claims 18, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which the Applicants regard as the subject matter of the claimed invention. According to the Office Action, "as one of the following" in claim 18 is vague and indefinite as there is only one condition recited. Applicants have amended the claim so that material has been deleted. Further, according to the Office Action, "lacking one or more, but not all" renders the metes and bounds of claims 28 and 29 unclear. Applicants have amended the claims so that the term(s) have been respectfully clarified. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in the Office Action are respectfully requested based upon the amendments to the claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If any fee is due in conjunction with the present amendment, please charge SUGEN Deposit Account No. 194875 for the appropriate amount. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (650) 553-8404.

Respectfully submitted,

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